

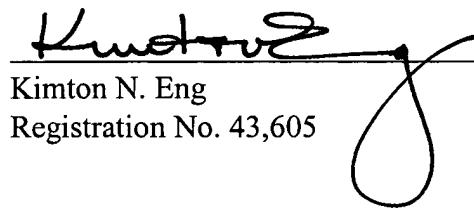
REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-44 were examined. Claims 18-44 have been cancelled by amendment.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicant has elected Group I, claims 1-17 for examination at this time. Claims 18-44 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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